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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Vincent DeGroot et al.  
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Examiner : H. D. Wachsman  
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Customer No. : 23364

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated February 5, 2010. In reply a corrected Brief on Appeal is being submitted, because the changes are such that supplying only individual pages would render the Brief overly discontinuous.

It is believed that the examiner's request has been fully complied with. In this regard it is noted that independent claims 14 and 26 have been reproduced verbatim and the text references added after the individual steps recited. There are no reference numerals in Fig. 2. Accordingly, reference is made to the drawing only.

Respectfully submitted,  
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